

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39-M) to Increase Gas and Electric Revenue Requirements, Rates, and Charges for a Pension Contribution, Effective January 1, 2006.	Application 05-12-021 (Filed December 20, 2005)
Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authorization, Among Other Things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective on January 1, 2007.	Application 05-12-002 (Filed December 2, 2005)
Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Service and Facilities of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.	Investigation 06-03-003 (Filed March 2, 2006)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING
CONSOLIDATING PROCEEDINGS**

On March 8, 2006, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, and the Coalition of California Utility Employees jointly filed a settlement agreement pertaining to pension contribution issues in Application (A.) 05-12-021, A.05-12-002, and Investigation (I.) 06-03-003. An evidentiary hearing regarding the settlement agreement was held on March 20, 2006. During the hearing, parties were asked if they had any objection to consolidating A.05-12-021, A.05-12-002, and I.06-03-003 for the limited purpose of considering the settlement agreement. There was no objection.

It appears that it would be efficient for the Commission and the parties to address the settlement agreement in one proceeding because of overlapping issues of fact and law. Therefore, A.05-12-021, A.05-12-002, and I.06-03-003 will be consolidated¹ pursuant to Rule 55 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure for the limited purpose of considering the settlement agreement.²

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that pursuant to Rule 55 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Application 05-12-021, Application 05-12-002, and Investigation 06-03-003 are consolidated for the limited purpose of considering the Settlement Agreement that was filed in these proceedings on March 8, 2006, concerning pension funding issues.

Dated March 21, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMOTHY KENNEY
by J. A. ECONOME

Timothy Kenney
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ JANET A. ECONOME

Janet A. Econome
Administrative Law Judge

¹ A.05-12-002 and I.06-03-003 are already consolidated. This Ruling consolidates these two proceedings with A.05-12-021.

² Rule 55 states: "Proceedings involving related questions of law or fact may be consolidated."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judges' Ruling Consolidating Proceedings on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 21, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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